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Summary

Main Features

Preliminary estimates show the total production of grapes increased by 34% for the 2004 harvest to a record 2.0 million tonnes. This compares with the 2003 harvest of 1.5 million tonnes. The largest producing state, South Australia, recorded an increase in production of 44% to 889,000 tonnes. The next largest producing states also recorded significant increases: Victorian production increased by 33% to 540,000 tonnes; and New South Wales production increased by 19% to 460,000 tonnes.

The total area of vines reported increased by 5% to a record 166,000 hectares in the 2004 season. This compares with the 2003 estimate of 157,000 hectares. Increases were reported in all the major growing states.

GRAPES(a), Production

	Australia									2004p	
	2002	2003	2004p	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
AREA OF VINES AT HARVEST (ha)											
Bearing	143,373	142,793	152,304	35,417	36,191	2,269	65,176	11,771	1,073	325	82
Not yet bearing: planted or grafted prior to collection year	8,264	8,412	7,631	1,748	1,872	109	3,218	545	120	-	21
Not yet bearing: planted or grafted during collection year	6,958	6,288	6,071	1,363	1,969	128	2,140	402	69	-	-
Total area of vines	158,594	157,492	166,006	38,527	40,032	2,505	70,533	12,718	1,262	325	103
GRAPE PRODUCTION (fresh weight) (t)											
Total production	1,753,888	1,496,939	2,009,291	460,141	540,411	13,162	888,845	95,999	7,657	2,512	563
Yield (t/ha)(b)	12.2	10.5	13.2	13.0	14.9	5.8	13.6	8.2	7.1	7.7	6.9

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- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Varietal information will be available in **Australian Wine and Grape Industry** (cat. no. 1329.0) due for release in January 2004.

(b) Yield represents the quantity of grapes produced per hectare of bearing vines.

About this Release

ABOUT THIS RELEASE

This release contains preliminary estimates for major items only from the vineyards collection.

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